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NOTE FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Pre-Brief for House Armed Services Special  
Subcommittee on Intelligence Briefing  
21 May 1976

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1. The pre-briefing on Panama at 11:30 tomorrow will  
be attended by [REDACTED] NIO for Latin America, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], OCI, [REDACTED] C/LA Division, [REDACTED]  
OCI, and myself.

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2. As you know, the Committee's primary interest  
is the Cuban military presence and affinity with Panama and  
potential guerilla activities there. Also, Mr. Hebert had  
exhorted the Director to be sure that things Panamanian  
are being extensively covered by our collection people.

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STATINTL 3. I felt we should have a DDO'er at the pre-brief  
just in case the Director might have questions in this respect.  
I am not recommending that the DDO'er attend the Subcommittee  
briefing session on Friday, and it may turn out that the Director  
will not need both [REDACTED] at the Nedzi session.  
[REDACTED] is the resident expert and, moreover, he knows Cuba  
very well and I can foresee that the Nedzi session might  
STATINTL slop over into questions relating to the Cuban presence  
world-wide and whether they are carrying out a surrogate  
role for the Soviets.

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